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1. DURING 14 JULY MEETING AT SCST TO DELIVER PRESS-KIRILLIN LETTER (SEPTEL), SCICOUNS TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF AYKAZYAN'S MENTION OF MUTUAL BENEFIT OF COOPERATION TO NOTE THAT SOVIETS ARE MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BALANCE IN ENERGY AGREEMENT. SCICOUNS OBSERVED THAT YATROV'S WRITTEN RESPONSE ON ENERGY FORECASTING (REFS) IS NO MORE FORTHCOMING THAN HIS UNSATISFACTORY ORAL RESPONSE IN MAY.

2. AYKAZYAN STATED THE KEY PROBLEM IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS "REGULATIONS" PROHIBITING RELEASE OF
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UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION TO FOREIGNERS. SCICOUNS NOTED US HAD GIVEN COMPENDIUM OF US REGULATIONS CONCERNING RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO SOVIETS AND HAD RECEIVED NOTHING IN RETURN. AYKAZYAN RESPONDED THAT SOVIET REGULATION IS "UNPUBLISHED" (AND THEREFORE NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGNERS*)

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3. TO SCICOUNS' QUESTION ON WHETHER AYKAZYAN'S STATEMENT MEANT THAT MEANINGFUL COOPERATION IN ENERGY FORECASTING WOULD BE ILLEGAL FROM A SOVIET VIEWPOINT, AYKAZYAN RESPONDED "THAT IS WHAT YATROV IS TELLING YOU IN HIS LETTER."

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN BEFORE THIS EXASPERATING SOVIET TACTIC OF GIVING DELAYING ANSWERS IN HOPE THAT US WILL "GET THE MESSAGE" OR SIMPLY TIRE OF ASKING. WITH HIS CATCH-22 RESPONSE, AYKAZYAN APPEARS TO HAVE ISSUED THE FINAL SOVIET STATEMENT ON THE US FORECASTING PROPOSALS. WE BELIEVE THE SOVIETS WILL NEITHER MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO EFFECT PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN FORECASTING, NOR PREPARE FOR REAL DISCUSSION OF THESE PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE 08.01 GROUP. IN OUR VIEW, THE US SHOULD NOW CONSIDER THE FORECASTING PROPOSAL AS FORMALLY REJECTED. MATLOCK

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